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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3100

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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MANILA FOR USADB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, BEXP, NP

SUBJ: ADB LOAN FOR TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT

REF: (A) MANILA 13976; (B) STATE 229309; (C) KATHMANDU 4006

1. REGARDING ADB DIRECTOR CONCERN ABOUT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION NOTED IN REF (A), EMBASSY IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH CAD DIRECTOR GENERAL SHARMA'S EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY. (SHARMA, WHO WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION TWO YEARS AGO, WAS PREVIOUSLY A SENIOR ENGINEER IN THE GOVT DEPT OF ROADS.) HIS ANALYSIS OF PAST MISTAKES AND OF STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID THEM THIS TIME BODE WELL FOR COMPETENT EXECUTION OF PROJECT.

2. FOR MEPD, USDOC: BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR BOTH CONSULTING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD ADB PROCEDURES. SPECIFICALLY, FOR THE CONSULTING WORK REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO A LIST OF SEVEN CANDIDATES. (THIS "SHORT LIST" WAS SELECTED IN CONSULTATION  
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WITH THE ADB FROM A GENERAL LIST OF ADB-APPROVED FIRMS.)

SHARMA WAS VAGUE ABOUT WHETHER HE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRMS NAMED IN REF (B), BUT STRESSED THAT LISTING PROCEDURE DESCRIBED ABOVE MAKES INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES IRRELEVANT AT THIS POINT. HE CONFIRMED IN CONFIDENCE HOWEVER THAT TAMS IS ON THE LIST, THAT TAMS QUALIFICATIONS DATA IS ON FILE (VIA ADB), AND SEEMED HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR RECORD. HE WOULD NOT REVEAL A IDENTITY OF OTHER FIRMS ON THE LIST, BUT NOTED THAT ADB REQUIREMENT OF BALANCED LIST MADE IT "UNLIKELY" THAT MORE THAN ONE FIRM FROM A GIVEN COUNTRY WOULD BE ON IT. INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS TO BE ISSUED "VERY SOON."

3. FROM SHARMA'S COMMENTS, TAMS APPEARS TO BE IN A VERY STRONG POSITION AND A SERIOUS EFFORT BY THEM SHOULD PAY OFF. WITH REGARD TO OUR COMMENTS IN REF (C), IT NOW SEEMS THAT ORIGINAL TERMINAL DESIGN WORK BY DIWI WAS SO DEFICIENT THAT IT IS BEING COMPLETELY DISCARDED IN FAVOR OF FRESH APPROACH.

4. CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE AWARDED BY INTERNATIONAL (I.E. WITHIN ADB MEMBERSHIP) TENDER. OF POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO POTENTIAL US CONTRACTORS IS THE FACT THAT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THE REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY HMG. CARGO

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